**Speech: Reality TV a good thing (Neg)**

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Good Morning/Afternoon. Today I will be talking to you about why reality TV is a bad thing, but before I begin my team’s case, I would like to point out the obvious flaws in the opposition’s case.

We accept the opposition’s definition. (IF OTHER TEAM DO NOT DEFINE OR SET SCOPE: Our team defines reality TV as unscripted television shows and we define a good thing as something that is has many benefits. We set the scope as the world)

Now onto my teams case. I will be talking to you about role modelling and inappropriateness, my second speaker will be talking to you about ruining lives and wasting time, and my third speaker will be summing up my teams case.

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Now onto my first point, role modelling. Reality TV is a bad thing because of role modelling. If a child sees someone on a reality TV show getting really angry and yelling, and they really liked and looked up to that person, they could think that what that person is doing is cool and so they would do it too. The person in the reality TV show could swear, break things, yell, fight, exaggerate behaviour and show extremes of personality. The child could see this person doing those things, and the person may be their role model and the child would copy them and get into loads of trouble at school or at home.

For example, if a child who wants to be a cook when they grow up watches Masterchef, and sees a contestant they really like yelling at their team mates or swearing when they get something wrong, they could think that that is the right behaviour if someone so great does it and, they would copy them and get into to trouble where ever they go.

People on reality TV should understand that they may become a role model for children. They should behave in front of the cameras, and know that people are watching them and will follow their actions. If they act well behaved and kind on TV, children watching will copy their actions. Being kind and well behaved results in many benefits, such as praise from teachers and friends.

Now onto my second point inappropriateness. Reality TV is not a good thing because it is inappropriate. On reality TV there is constant swearing and other things not appropriate for children, such as adult themes, drugs and violence. If a child sees these things on reality TV, they could think that doing all these things are okay, and they could do them. Some reality TV is extremely inappropriate, and children watching could be startled and shocked at the things said and done.

Although the worst types of swearing on TV are covered with a loud ‘BEEP!’ other minor swear words and insults are not covered and are open for everyone to hear. Children could not know the meaning of the swear words and say them freely, then get into trouble not knowing what they have done wrong. Parents won’t want their children to learn swear words, and reality TV is one of the easiest ways to learn them.

In reality TV there are many adult themes and things that kids are too young to know about, and if children find out from reality TV stars, they can tell their whole entire school!

On some reality TV the people take drugs, talk about taking them, or just talk about them in general. Although it is rare that people take drugs on reality TV since it is illegal, it still happens. Many people talk about drugs and taking them and this can cause children to think about them and know about them too. This knowledge can be bad for later years.

On reality TV minor arguments can turn into fights and fights can turn into violence. People can so annoyed at each other that they can punch and kick and break things. Children can see this and respond in a similar way when annoyed, resulting in more trouble.

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Thank you.